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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN 1988 MURDER CASE

Investigators from the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and the San Diego County District Attorney's Cold Case Team announce the arrest of a suspect in a 1988 murder that occurred in Balboa Park.

On August 26, 1988, Gail Shea's partially clothed body was discovered in a canyon area behind the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park. She had been strangled and stabbed to death. Homicide Unit detectives conducted an exhaustive investigation at the time, but the case went unsolved for over 18 years.

In 2005, the case was reviewed by cold case investigators from the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and the District Attorney's Office. Investigators from the District Attorney's Cold Case Team reopened the case and resubmitted evidence to the Crime Lab for evaluation. A DNA hit, in addition to new information, led them to a suspect.

On June 21, 2007, Dwayne Johnson (50) was arrested at a hotel in the 800 block of Ash Street by San Diego Police Department and District Attorney cold case investigators. He was booked in San Diego County Jail on murder charges.

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